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TWO MISSION BISHOPS
CONSECRATED IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY — Two suffragan bishops who will serve as missionaries were consecrated for the Diocese of Central and South Mexico on March 22, in the Cathedral of San José here.

Bishop Roberto Martinez-Resendiz will minister in the Hidalgo area while Bishop Claro Huerta-Ramos will be stationed in Vera Cruz. Both places are new frontiers of mission for the Episcopal Church.

Presiding Bishop John M. Allin was chief consecrator, assisted by Bishops José G. Saucedo of Central and South Mexico, Leonardo Romero of Northern Mexico and Melchor Saucedo of Western Mexico. The liturgy was in Spanish, including the sermon preached by the Presiding Bishop who has been studying that language.

In his sermon Bishop Allin noted that many bishops have been sent out as missionaries by the Church in years past, reminding the congregation that Christian mission is the responsibility and privilege of every baptized person.

Bishop A. Donald Davies of Dallas headed a delegation of clergy and lay people from that diocese, which has a companion diocese relationship with Central and South Mexico. Bishop Davies read the Gospel in English. It was read in Spanish by Bishop José A. Gonzalez of Cuba and in Zapoteco, an Indian dialect, by Zenobio Lorenzo of Vera Cruz. The Old Testament was read by Sir Norman Ernest Cox, Ambassador to Mexico from Great Britain, and the Epistle was read by Dr. Gonzalo Baez-Camargo.

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PICTURE CAPTION

80120 Presiding Bishop John M. Allin of the Episcopal Church, second left, poses on compound of the Cathedral of San José in Mexico City with the Bishop of Central and South Mexico, the Rt. Rev. José G. Saucedo, right, and two suffragan bishops elect. The two, the Rt. Rev. Claro Huerta-Ramos, left, and Roberto Martinez-Resendiz, were consecrated the next day specifically to serve in new mission fields in the Mexican church.

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